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 Fiber-like Materials Produced Thereof

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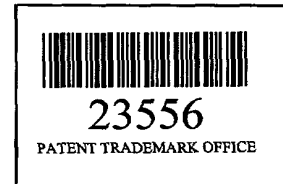


**Transmittal Letter (Including Preliminary Amendment)**  
**New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including a preliminary amendment and Fee Authorization (with duplicate for fee processing).
2. A Specification having a total of thirty-eight (38) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty-seven (27) claims.
3. Fourteen (14) sheets of drawings.
4. An unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/247,321 entitled "Method of Recycling Bonded Fibrous Materials and Synthetic Fibers and Fiber-like Materials Produced Thereof" and filed on November 10, 2000, in the names of Gustavo Palacio, Maria Clara Garcia, Pablo Ramirez, and Bernardo Vanegas (Docket No. 16,422).

Please preliminarily amend the specification of the present application by inserting, as the first sentence following the title, the following: --This application claims priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/247,321, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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